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1. Source learned from the member of a locomotive brigade stationed in Frankfurt/Oder that a total of 78 brigade personnel assigned to the operational headquarters in Frankfurt/Oder had been sent back to their home stations on 1 March 1952. Personnel of the Berlin railroad district were mainly affected by this measure, which was explained by a standing order, according to which brigade personnel must not be employed for transit operations to Brest Litovsk for periods longer than one year. All of those affected by the retransfer had been assigned to locomotive columns for four years. (1)
2. Source learned from official records of the Second Railroad Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district that all members of locomotive brigades who live in Berlin had been replaced by personnel from the Soviet Zone excluding Berlin. (1)
3. Starting in mid-January, the 25 locomotives of Locomotive Column No 3 were being overhauled at Pankow. In early February, some of these locomotives were returned to Ruednitz and Frankfurt/Oder. By 8 February, a total of 10 locomotives were returned. (2) The locomotive column stationed in Hoyerswerda will allegedly be transferred to Frankfurt/Oder. (3)

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5. On 9 March, 6 type 51 and 12 type 52 locomotives were observed on a siding near Ruednitz north of Bernau. The locomotives were thoroughly overhauled and newly painted. Four cabooses occupied by locomotive maintenance personnel and railroad police were seen near the locomotives. A spotlight about 50 centimeters in diameter was mounted on the roof of one of the cabooses. (2)
6. On 14 March, 12 type 52 locomotives with service personnel were observed parked on the siding between Bernau and Ruednitz. The locomotives, which were apparently ready for employment, were being kept cold. On 21 March, the locomotives were observed on the same spot. (2)
7. Twenty type 52 locomotives were observed on the siding of the Ducherow

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railroad station in March. The locomotives were sealed. (4)

8. Twenty type 1952 locomotives were observed on the siding just southwest of the Cottbus freight station on 28 March. The locomotives were newly painted and their easily damageable parts were boarded up. On 26 March, nine type 52 locomotives were seen on a siding immediately north of the Luebbenau railroad station. (5)

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- (1) Such measures are periodically taken against possible espionage activities.
- (2) These items in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 refer to the locomotives of Locomotive Column No 3, which are kept cold but serviceable as a locomotive column reserve. [REDACTED] After being kept cold for some time, the locomotives were apparently overhauled in Pankow and then returned to Ruednitz.
- (3) Two other sources reported that Locomotive Columns No 11 in Hoyerswerda and No 10 in Cottbus were deactivated. The equipment of Locomotive Column No 11 was reportedly transferred to Frankfurt/Oder. [REDACTED]
- (4) This confirms that the locomotives of deactivated Locomotive Column No 13 are being kept as a reserve in Ducherow. [REDACTED]
- (5) The assignment of these locomotives is not clear. They belong either to deactivated Locomotive Column No 11, previously in Hoyerswerda, or to operational Locomotive Column No 10 in Cottbus.

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